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London, Dec. 24, 9:11 p. m.—Tomorrow, the second Christmas of the great war, will differ but little from its predecessor, judging from the visible signs of the past twenty-four hours. Although there is small likelihood of an exact repetition of the strange truce of last year, here and there, it is probable that the opposing lines will come to some sort of an understanding which will permit each other to celebrate their own common day of rejoicing without any undue annoyance.

The fighting around Hartmans-Weilerkopf, which has been the chief incident in the recent news from the western front, has not yet reached a decision, but reports indicate that the four days' losses on both sides have been so severe that some kind of a lull is almost inevitable.

The news from Greece continues to presage a terrible clash in the near future, but reports indicate that the date of the conflict will not be until the new year.

Events recently have developed rapidly in Persia with the Russians advancing successfully on Teheran. The two chief centers of rebel activity in Persia already are in Russian hands and the rapidly with which they are meeting is weak. Considerable distance still lies between the British position at Kut-el-Amara and the nearest Russian forces, but if the Russians have continued successes a junction between the two armies may be expected before long.

David Lloyd-George, the British minister of munitions, is spending his Christmas holidays visiting the munition works in the Clyde district, where he is urging the imperative need of some measure of "labor dilution" which includes an agreement by the labor union to accept the employment of a percentage of unskilled men with skilled men in munition work.

An interesting feature in Mr. Lloyd George's programme today was the christening of a new munitions manufacturing center, "Georgetown."

The figures given by Premier Asquith today show how heavy have been the British losses during the war. These total nearly 530,000, without counting the men invalided on account of sickness.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS FOR BRITISH SOLDIERS AND SAILORS Thousands Home From the Front Are Lovingly Entertained.

London, Dec. 24, 12:04 p. m.—The celebration of England's second Christmas of the war is being devoted mainly to the soldiers. Several thousands of them have come from the front on the lines. These men, with their large families in the home camps and the thousands in hospitals, are being entertained at dinner, and in some theatres. In every town of the United Kingdom there is some celebration for soldiers and sailors.

More than 1,000,000 packages have been sent to soldiers on the continent. Six special trains have been employed for the last week to carry army mails. The railway stations are crowded with soldiers, many of them just from the trenches and covered with mud. They carry Russian helmets, rifles, knapsacks, shells and other souvenirs of battle. Committees of men and women meet these men, feed them and help them on their way to the provinces.

Even the German prisoners in England are preparing for elaborate Christmas celebrations. At Donning Hall, the place of confinement of a majority of the officers, so many packages are being received from Germany that the village postoffice has been compelled to enlarge its staff. The German officers have large purchases of turkeys, geese, wines and beer. The German civilians interned in England through the state of war are being treated with consideration, and are having concerts and theatrical performances.

The business section of London is preparing for the usual Xmas holiday. All the banks and large establishments will close their doors from tonight until Tuesday. Only a few of the smaller shops will be opened Monday.

BRITISH NOT WILLING TO RELEASE ENLISTED ALIENS. State Department Informed by British Military Authorities.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The state department has been informed that the British authorities are no longer willing to release adult aliens regularly enlisted in the British army. In case of Americans under age, Great Britain probably will continue to respond to appeals for their relatives and friends made through the state department, but where Americans over 21 years of age have enlisted, even though they have been promised to be British subjects, they will be held for service. It is contended that this is in line with the practice of American

Cabled Paragraphs

Sir Edward Grey Improved in Health. London, Dec. 24, 2:30 p. m.—Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, returned to the foreign office today apparently much improved in health by his rest of more than a week in the country. He was visited by Earl Kitchener, secretary of war and subsequently by the Greek minister to London with whom he had a long conversation.

FORD MAY REJOIN HIS PEACE EXPEDITION LATER. Compelled to Abandon His Trip—Others of Party Will Proceed.

Stockholm, Dec. 24, via London, 7 p. m.—On account of his serious illness, Henry Ford has been compelled to abandon his trip to the remaining members of the expedition will continue on to Copenhagen and the Hagen with the idea of carrying out Mr. Ford's original plan for a permanent arbitration board. The committee has issued the following statement:

"The illness of Mr. Ford, while not dangerous, is serious. His doctor ascertains confidently that there is no organic disease but there is urgent need for rest. The doctor is hopeful that the relief from the strain of the expedition will speedily restore him to normal health."

Before leaving the party Mr. Ford said: "If I am well enough, I will surely join the expedition later. I am confident it will carry out the same work without me and that it will do much toward bringing peace."

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UNDER LEADERSHIP OF A FORMER MILITARY GOVERNOR

OPPOSING MONARCHY

Chinese Government Has Sent 30,000 Troops to Put Down the Revolt in Provinces Which Have Declared Independence.

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CHRISTMAS CAROL

The earth has grown old with its burden of care, But at Christmas it always is young.

The heart of the Jewl burns lustrous and fair, And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air.

When the song of the angels is sung, It is coming, old earth, it is coming tonight!

On the snowflakes which cover thy sod The feet of the Christ child fall gentle and white,

And the voice of the Christ child tells out with delight That mankind are the children of God.

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor, The voice of the Christ child shall fall,

And to every blind wanderer open the door, Of a hope that he dared not to dream of before,

With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feast of the humblest may walk in the field Where the feet of the holiest have trod,

This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed, When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed

That mankind are the children of God.

—Phillips Brooks.

Condensed Telegrams

Austrian troops are now wearing white uniforms for concealment in the snow.

Severe earthquake shocks were felt in Guatemala. No serious damage was reported.

Twenty motorwomen began their duties on three of the Berlin street railway lines.

The German Federal Council has decided on the coinage of iron 19 pfennig pieces.

England has removed the embargo on the exportation of fish from Newfoundland to Greece.

The British-American Tobacco Co. declared a final dividend of 7 1/2 per cent, free of British tax.

The Erie Railroad has ordered 10 Pacific type locomotives from the American Locomotive Co.

Judge A. J. Seay, former territorial governor of Oklahoma, died at Long Beach, Cal., aged 82 years.

A black powder mill at the du Pont plant at Wilmington exploded. No one was killed or injured.

Since June 30 last, 23 vessels with a gross tonnage of 99,534 have been admitted to American registry.

The Alabama Penn Prudential Savings Bank at Montgomery, Ala., a negro institution, closed its doors.

November output of gold in Rhodesia, South Africa, totaled 74,777 fine ounces, valued at \$15,160 pounds.

The Prince of Wied, deposed ruler of Albania, is reported to have returned to Albania to regain the throne.

Three million pounds of plum pudding were sent from England to soldiers serving with the various British armies.

All plans for a Christmas celebration at the German royal palace have been abandoned because of the Kaiser's illness.

A shortage of 100 cars daily has caused a decrease of 19,000 tons in the weekly coal production of Connecticut.

Emperor William sent a message of condolence to the widow of Gen. Von Bismarck, the emperor of Liege, who died at Hanover.

Dr. Daniel G. Elliot, noted zoologist and one of the founders of the Museum of Natural History, died in New York, aged 80 years.

An additional appropriation of \$113,609 to care for increased work caused by the war was asked of Congress by the State Department.

Elhu Root will not be a candidate for president at the coming election.

Governor-elect Samuel W. McCall announced that he would reappoint Charles H. Cole as adjutant general of the State of Massachusetts.

The Postoffice Department announced that this year's Christmas mail is heavier than ever before, and is being moved without delay.

Turkey, cranberry sauce, and plum pudding was sent to the front to each of the 100 American ambulance drivers there by James H. Hyde.

James Monroe, chief officer of the steamship line in the East River, was charged with smuggling opium.

A ministerial decree was issued at Vienna prohibiting the baking of rolls, biscuits, and other fancy breads. The order does not apply to households.

Old Spanish and French coins valued at \$1,250,000 arrived at the Philadelphia mint to be transformed into current money for the Republic of Cuba.

S. S. Gerwin, the American aviator who fell 150 feet while testing a new aeroplan, died in a hospital in London, England, today.

Baughn I. M. Henshaw, of New York, serving with the Canadian contingent, is seriously wounded in the latest casualty list issued at Ottawa, Canada.

Despondent because of ill health, Mrs. Mary Webb, wife of a prominent farmer of Middlemarch, Ont., jumped from the top of a windmill at her home and was killed.

A. J. Balfour, British first lord of the Admiralty, is considering the possibility of taking over the mercantile marine service.

Charles E. Hughes, Jr., son of Justice Hughes, was appointed secretary to the Straits of the Public Service Commission. The position pays \$4,200 a year.

Cardinal Hartmann of Cologne who recently returned from the Papal Consistory at Rome denied reports that he has been Prince von Thurn und Taxis on a peace mission.

Designing of the three gold medals to be presented to Ambassadors of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela, was awarded to Misses Jeannette Scudder, of New York, by Secretary Lansing.

New York Clearing House Statement. New York, Dec. 24.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house balances and trust companies for the week (five days) shows that they hold \$143,952,440 reserve in excess of the legal requirement. This is a decrease of \$12,365,550 from last week.

Movements of Steamships. Glasgow, Dec. 24.—Sailed: Steamer Perugia (from Genoa) New York. Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Sailed: Steamer Baltic, New York.

Bergen, Dec. 24.—Sailed: Steamer Bergen, New York.

New York, Dec. 24.—Sailed: Steamer St. Paul, Liverpool.

Barge Drifting on Rocks. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—The bark Calista, stripped of her sails and drifting south toward the rocks on the Washington coast was found in distress tonight twelve miles southeast of Cape Mudge, Vancouver Island. The coast guard cutter Snohomish was dispatched from Neah Bay to her assistance.

CHOIRS CHIME CHRISTMAS CAROLS

As Lights Were Turned On in Community Trees in New York's Official Celebration

MANY BELATED SHOPPERS STOPPED TO LISTEN

Charitable Organizations Distributed Thousands of Well-Filled Baskets—Salvation Army Has Arranged for the Biggest Dinner Ever Given in the World, Besides Providing Toys for Nearly 20,000 Children—Liberal Benevolences of Vincent Astor, Congressman George W. Taft and James J. Hagan—Trees for All Hospitals and Institutions—In Wall Street Christmas Bonuses Were Distributed With a Lavish Hand—Midnight Masses in All Catholic Churches.

New York, Dec. 24.—Official celebration of Christmas began in New York tonight when the lights were turned on in "Community trees" and choirs sang carols while thousands of belated shoppers paused to listen. Charitable organizations completed preparations for the distribution of thousands of well-filled baskets, and none need a share in the holiday cheer. Postal and express company employees toiled hard to clear away an avalanche of Christmas packages.

Lavish Christmas Bonuses. On the street exchanges in Wall Street, banks and brokers offices, stores and restaurants, Christmas bonuses were distributed with a lavish hand. Gift buying was on an unprecedented scale and there was no lack of funds to provide for the needs of charity.

Salvation Army's Work. Commander Evangeline Booth announced that all arrangements had been made for the biggest Christmas dinner ever given by the Salvation Army in the city. More than 20,000 persons in the metropolitan district will share in the feast and the soldiers will sing carols to the children. Other similar organizations will enter on a larger scale than usual.

Vincent Astor Provides 1,000 Dinners. Vincent Astor will provide dinner tomorrow for 1,000 families through various agencies. Congressman George W. Taft will distribute 3,000 baskets among the poor of his district, and James J. Hagan, democratic leader of the 24th assembly district, played Santa Claus at nightfall. At Grand Park, through an Italian newspaper, 2,500 parcels were distributed among the Italian immigrants.

In Hospitals and Institutions. In hospitals and institutions there was no lack of the Christmas spirit and in almost every one of them there was a special service of the night. Gifts were given to the patients at Ellis Island. Many of those on the island had been there since the war began because of the closing of the ports of their home countries.

Midnight Masses. Christmas day was ushered in with prayers for peace offered at midnight masses in every Roman Catholic church in the city under instruction from Cardinal Farley.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE WEST

Chicago's Biggest Christmas in Years Began at Nightfall.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Community trees featured the celebration of Christmas eve in many cities of the middle west began at nightfall. At Great Park on the lake front, a ninety foot community tree will be illuminated.

ORIGINAL SPECIAL REPORT OF THE NAVY BOARD

It Carries an Expenditure of \$300,000,000 the First Year.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary Daniels made public tonight the official report of the board of inquiry into the question of national preparedness. Critics of the administration five year building program for the navy have charged that the government's plans for the navy department and if published, would disclose the inadequacy of the government's plans.

The board's statement of policy, holding that the American navy should be a fleet of battle ships, was published some time ago, but the first year's building program advocated under the suggested policy is now revealed for the first time. It shows recommendations for four dreadnoughts and four battle cruisers, with an equally large program for other craft and contemplates an expenditure roughly estimated at \$300,000,000 the first year as compared with \$100,000,000 to be spent for new ships in five years under the administration plan.

The report could not state that the British fleet could be equaled by 1925 by continuing this first year's program, but indicates that heavier dreadnoughts would follow in ship building facilities were increased in accordance with its recommendations.

Two Brothers Drowned. Winchester, Mass., Dec. 23.—Robert and Richard Morris, aged 5 and 9 years, respectively, the only children of Edward A. Morris, were drowned in Mystic lake today. They were testing the ice to see what the prospects were for a few more Christmas, when they broke through.

Greek Steamer Refloated. Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Greek steamer Milos, which was driven ashore on a rocky point on the coast guard cutter Acushnet and proceeded apparently undamaged. She is bound for Boston.

British officers interned in Holland may be released on parole in the future.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS IN THE SOUTHWEST.

Lights of Christmas Trees Shine in Many Cities.

Kansas City, Mo., 24.—The light of Christmas trees shined in many cities tonight in the southwest. At the historic Plaza in San Antonio, a giant tree, 100 feet high, was planted as a permanent Christmas tree for all the city.